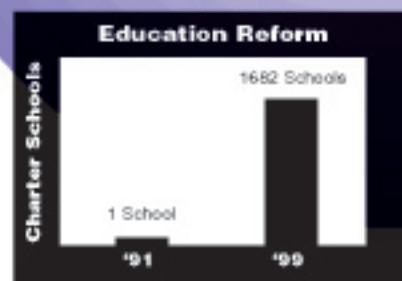
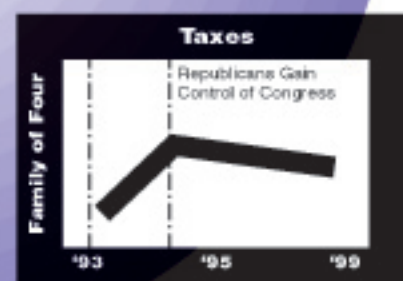
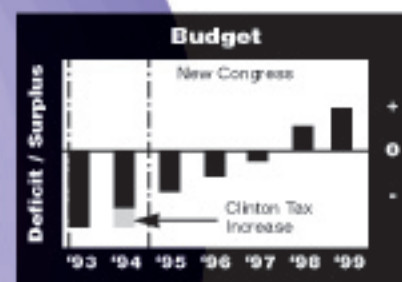
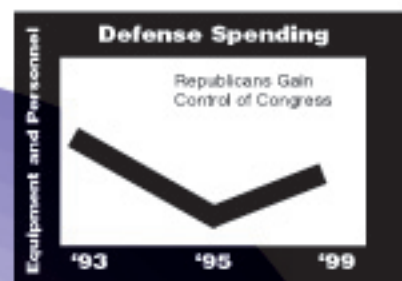
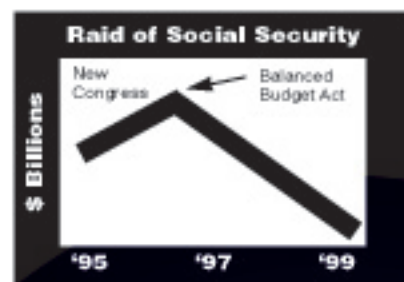


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Dear Friend:

On November 18, 1999, Congress made history by stopping the 30-year raid on Social Security while balancing the federal budget. When we became the majority in both the House and Senate in 1995, deficits stretched further than the eye could see, and the Social Security Trust Fund was being used as a government slush fund. The welfare system hurt more people than it helped, high taxes had a stranglehold on the economy, and military readiness was seriously in question. Those problems were magnified by a bureaucracy that misdirected education dollars from our children's classrooms, putting their futures at risk.

The last five years we have worked diligently to change all of that – to restore America to the people – so that they can control their own lives. I invite you to take a look at our five year progress report. The graphs vividly testify to the power of the idea: Freedom works! And with more freedom comes greater security.

Sincerely,

Ken Calvert

Generic Drugs

Prescription to Lower Health Care Costs...

Today's seniors are living longer, healthier lives, thanks in part to modern medicine. Death rates from heart disease, cancer and stroke are going down. Hundreds of new medicines are now being developed to combat diseases of aging, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and arthritis.

With the promise prescription drugs hold for good health, it concerns me when I hear about senior citizens who can't afford the medicine they need. Improving access to prescription drugs is a high priority for me. This is why I created a bipartisan Generic Drug Equity Caucus with Rep. Alan Mollohan (D-WV) – to educate Congress about the very REAL solution generic drugs offer to improve access and lower costs.

I support the brand name drug companies need for patent protections to cover the costs of their innovative drug research, but extending patent protections beyond the initial patent length serves only to give the brand names a monopoly over the pharmaceutical marketplace – a monopoly that makes the prices of many drugs out of reach. Experts have found that generic drugs reduce costs to consumers by as much as 50% in the first year of their introduction and by as much as 70-75% by the end of the second year. This means that generic drugs offer a very REAL solution to making prescription drug coverage affordable for the government, insurance companies, seniors and families.

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